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COMMITTEE

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1. ACCORDING TO AN EC COMMISSION OFFICIAL, COREPER ON
MARCH 16 AGREED ON A ROUGH OUTLINE OF TOPICS TO BE SUB-
MITTED FOR AGENDA ITEM TWO--TRANSFER OF RESOURCES--FOR
THE MAY MEETING OF THE UN OVERVIEW COMMITTEE, BUT
REFERRED DECISION AS TO WHETHER THESE ITEMS WOULD
ACTUALLY BE SUBMITTED TO THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
MEMBER STATES AND THE COMMISSION IN NEW YORK. SOME
STATES ARGUED FOR THE IMMEDIATE SUBMITTAL OF THIS LIST,
WHILE OTHERS (NOTABLY FRANCE) WERE STRONGLY OPPOSED.
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IT WILL BE ON BEHALF OF ALL EC MEMBER STATES, THE DUTCH
ARE RAISING THE POSSIBILITY THAT INDIVIDUAL STATES SUBMIT
THEIR OWN LIST OF SUB-ITEMS IF THEY WISH.

2. THE THREE TOPICS SUGGESTED BY THE EC COMMISSION
(PARA C, REFA) WERE MODIFIED BY COREPER. THE NEW INDICA-
TIVE LIST OF FOUR ITEMS WHICH WERE REPORTEDLY APPROVED

BY ALL MEMBER STATES AS TRANSLATED UNOFFICIALLY FROM THE
FRENCH ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(A) DIFFERENT TYPES OF FINANCIAL FLOWS:

-- OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

-- PRIVATE FLOWS

-- MULTILATERAL FINANCING

(B) RESPECTIVE OBLIGATIONS OF DIFFERENT PARTNERS:

-- DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

-- SOCIALIST COUNTRIES

-- LDC'S:

---- OIL PRODUCERS

---- NON-OIL PRODUCERS

(C) SECTORAL PRIORITIES FOR TRANSFER OF RESOURCES

(D) COMMITMENTS AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS

3. THE COMMISSION OFFICIAL STATED THAT COREPER DID NOT
HAVE TIME TO CONSIDER THE DRAFT OUTLINE PREPARED FOR THE
EC STATEMENT FOR AGENDA ITEM ONE--ECONOMIC GROWTH--FOR
THE MAY MEETING OF THE UN OVERVIEW COMMITTEE. IT IS TO
BE TAKEN UP BY THE EC COUNCIL'S NORTH/SOUTH WORKING GROUP
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BEGINNING MARCH 20, AND IF AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED WITH
ALL MEMBER STATES, IT MAY BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO THE UN
SECRETARIAT WITHOUT REQUIRING COREPER'S APPROVAL.
HOWEVER, SOME PERMDEL OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT IN VIEW OF
THE EASTER HOLIDAYS, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THE FINAL PAPER
WILL BE PREPARED AND AGREED UPON BY ALL MEMBER STATES BY
THE APRIL 7 DEADLINE.

4. THE MISSION INFORMED THE COMMISSION OFFICIAL THAT
THE US HAD SUBMITTED ITS FOUR ITEMS TO THE UN
SECRETARIAT (REF C). MORRIS

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